

Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

Please read the Federal Advisory Committee Membership Balance Plan Guidance prior to completing this form

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME <i>State the legal name of the FAC</i>
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee
(2) AUTHORITY <i>Identify the authority for establishing the FAC</i>
Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 Federal Advisory Committee Act as Amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.
(3) MISSION/FUNCTION <i>Describe the mission/function of the FAC</i>
The Committee will advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on science and other management issues and the achievement of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan (Management Plan) objectives.
(4) POINTS OF VIEW <i>Based on understanding the purpose of the FAC,</i> <i>(a) describe the process that will be used to ensure the committee is balanced, and identify the categories (e.g. individual expertise or represented interests) from which candidates will be considered;</i> <i>(b) consider identifying an anticipated relative distribution of candidates across the categories; and</i> <i>(c) explain how a determination was made to appoint any individuals as Special Government Employees or Representative members</i>
Eight members will be appointed as follows, one from each of the categories listed below: (1) an elected official from Garfield County, to represent the interests of county residents; (2) an elected official from Kane County, to represent the interests of county residents; (3) a representative of state government; (4) a representative of tribal government with ancestral interest in the Monument; (5) an educator, to represent the educational community; (6) a representative of the environmental community; (7) an outfitter and guide operating within the Monument, to represent commercial recreational users; and (8) a livestock grazing permittee operating within the Monument to represent grazing permittees. Seven members will be appointed as special government employees, one for each of the following areas of expertise: (1) archaeology; (2) paleontology; (3) geology; (4) botany;

- (5) wildlife biology;
- (6) social science; and
- (7) systems ecology

Members will be appointed to the Committee to serve 3-year terms.

The seven scientists are Special Government Employees because of their specialized knowledge within their respective disciplines. The eight other Committee members are Representatives because they represent their constituent groups.

(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS

List any other factors your agency identifies as important in achieving a balanced FAC

Not applicable

(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Summarize the process intended to be used to identify candidates for the FAC, key resources expected to be tapped to identify candidates and the key persons (by position, not name) who will evaluate FAC balance. The summary should:

- (a) describe the process*
- (b) identify the agency key staff involved (by position, not name)*
- (c) briefly describe how FAC vacancies, if any, will be handled by the agency; and*
- (d) state the membership term limit of FAC members, if applicable*

In order to obtain members, the GSENM announces a 45-day open call for nominations period in the Federal Register. During the open period, GSENM and the BLM Utah State Office sends a news release to all major media outlets throughout the state to solicit nominations. The call for nominations is also posted on the BLM-Utah and GSENM websites. The Governor of Utah is also consulted.

The GSENM Manager, with input from the Associate and Assistant Monument Managers, selects the nominees. The recommendations are forwarded to the Utah State Director and Governor of Utah for concurrence. The recommendations are then forwarded to the BLM Director, before being sent on to the Department of the Interior (DOI) and DOI White House Liaison for vetting and approval. Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

A vacancy occurring by reason of removal, resignation, death, or departure from elected office shall be filled for the balance of the vacating member's term using the same method by which the original appointment was made.

Members serve 3-year terms, and can be re-nominated to serve additional 3-year terms.

(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE

Subcommittees subject to FACA should either state that the process for determining FAC member balance on subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent FAC, or describe how it is different*

**This is relevant to those agencies that require their subcommittees to follow all FACA requirements.*

Subcommittees are not subject to FACA because they are not providing advice directly to a Federal Officer of the Department of the Interior. All advice or work products go directly to the parent Committee for review, consideration and deliberation at a FAC meeting before being submitted to the Department of the Interior through the DFO.

(8) OTHER

Provide any additional information that supports the balance of the FAC

Not applicable

(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED

Insert the actual date the Membership Balance Plan was initially prepared, along with the date(s) the Plan is updated

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